

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10869–S10944*

**Measures Introduced:** Five hundred and seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2014–2520, and S. Res. 328–329. **Pages S10914–24**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further revised allocation to subcommittees of budget totals from the concurrent resolution, fiscal year 2010.” (S. Rept. No. 111–94)

S. 797, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–93) **Page S10914**

#### Measures Passed:

**Credit CARD Technical Corrections Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3606, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to make a technical correction to an amendment made by the Credit CARD Act of 2009, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10943**

**Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1299, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10943**

Reid (for Schumer/Bennett) Amendment No. 2720, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10943**

**National Principals Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, recognizing the month of October 2009 as “National Principals Month”. **Page S10943**

#### Measures Considered:

**Unemployment Compensation Extension Act:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Pending:

Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10909–11**

Reid Amendment No. 2713 (to Amendment No. 2712), to change the enactment date. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2714 (to Amendment No. 2713), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2715 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2712), to change the enactment date. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2716 (to Amendment No. 2715), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10910**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 2717, to change the enactment date. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2718 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 2717) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2719 (to Amendment No. 2718), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10910**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 29, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 2, 2009.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, November 2, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, November 2, Senate resume consideration of the bill, and the time until 5 p.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that at 5 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712 (listed above).

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#### Conference Reports:

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report:** By 72 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 331), Senate agreed to conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 330), Senate agreed to the motion to waive certain provisions of rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate for consideration of the conference report.

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#### House Messages:

**Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1929, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

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**Cellphone Texting Injuries and Death Referral—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S. 1938, to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

William M. Conley, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Brian Anthony Jackson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

James P. Lynch, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, which was sent to the Senate on August 5, 2009.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—331)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10943–44.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HOUSING FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine modernizing affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Representative Christopher Murphy; Ann O'Hara, Technical Assistance Collaborative, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; Michelle Norris, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Columbus, Ohio; Toby Halliday, National Housing Trust, and Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; and J. Michael Jones, Brick, New Jersey.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2009".

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Financial Institutions:* Senators Johnson (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Bayh, Menendez, Akaka, Tester, Kohl, Merkley, Bennet, Crapo, Bennett, Johanns, Hutchison, Bunning DeMint, and Gregg.

*Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development:* Senators Menendez (Chair), Johnson, Reed, Schumer, Akaka, Brown, Tester, Kohl, Warner, Merkley, Vitter, Hutchison, Crapo, Corker, DeMint, Johanns, and Gregg.

*Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment:* Senators Reed (Chair), Johnson, Schumer, Bayh, Menendez, Akaka, Brown, Warner, Bennet, Dodd, Bunning, Gregg, Bennett, Crapo, Corker, Vitter, and Johanns.

*Subcommittee on Economic Policy:* Senators Brown (Chair), Tester, Merkley, Dodd, and DeMint.

*Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance:* Senators Bayh (Chair), Kohl, Warner, Bennet, Dodd, Corker, and Bennett.

### PERFORMANCE-INFORMED BUDGETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine performance-informed budgeting, fo-

cusing on opportunities to reduce cost and improve service, after receiving testimony from Jeffery D. Zients, Chief Performance Officer and Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Michael Barber, McKinsey and Company, London, United Kingdom; and Paul L. Posner, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia.

### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, focusing on implementing leading management practices and addressing human capital and training center issues, after receiving testimony from Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### LAND BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, S. 607, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, S. 721, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1122, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 1328 and H.R. 689, bills to provide for the exchange of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, S. 1442, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, establish a grant program for Indian Youth Service Corps, help restore the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service, and H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Stanton, Deputy Assistant Secretary